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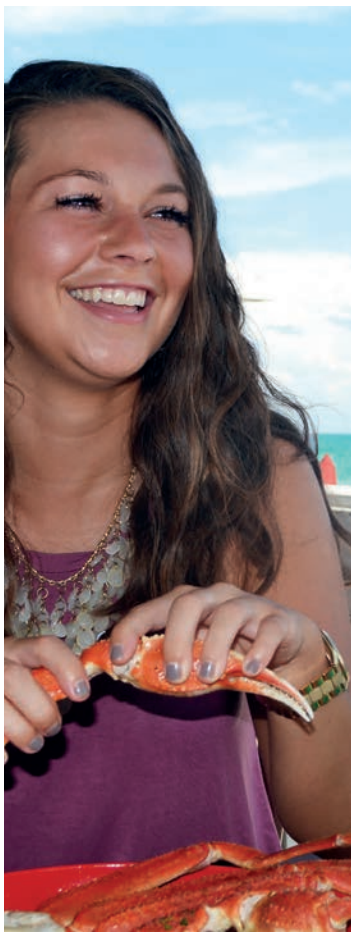
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Opening Remarks

Random Notes
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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Page 3 Photo in the March 14-27 *Beachcomber* should have been attributed to **Let's Goof Photo Booth**. We apologize profanely for any lives that may have been turned upside down by this omission.

Discover more about these fun folks at **lets-goof.com**.

MUSIC AWARDS

The Beachcomber Music Awards are set for Monday, **Aug. 26**, at **Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar** on Okaloosa Island. We've had an extraordinary rate of response from musicians that would like to be a part of our eleventh (!) event honoring the folks that keep Jagermeister turning a profit.

So extraordinary, in fact, that we've had to turn away such formidable acts as **The Guys That Sang for Real on the Milli Vanilli Records**, **Sammy Davis III**, and **ABBACAB**, an Abba *and* Genesis tribute band (what you kids call a "mash-up").

NEW FOR SPRING BREAK 2019

We are proud to unveil the **Beachcomber Body Fluid Clean-up Kit**. For years, we've been depleting our brain cells trying to come up with the perfect product to market our brand to youngish visitors, and we think we've found it. We can't tell you what's inside...you'll just have to pick one up for \$22.95 wherever *Beachcomber* magazines are sold!



New for Spring Break 2019...

As they say here on the beach, the tide is turning (actually, nobody says that).

Full disclosure—previous attempts (and fails) in our merchandising endeavors include the Beachcomber Drinking Helmet (inspired by William Holden and/or Tim Kazurinsky), Beachcomber Cough Syrup ("Bring a taste of Florida's Beautiful Emerald Coast to your cold and flu season!"), and the Beachcomber Make Your Own Fake ID Kit.

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Our friends at **Lucy Buffett's LuLu's** in Destin are now hiring. Apply in person or online at **jobs.lulubuffett.com**. We know it's a great place to eat, drink and play, but we hear it's a good place to work, too. And that view...

RED BAR UPDATE

I spoke to **Oli Petit** from The Red Bar this week, and he informs me that the rebuild is happening, probably because he read that in our magazine a couple issues back. He says *Beachcomber* is invited to the grand re-opening because we spend lots of money on drinks and tip well.

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This Issue's Contributors

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** ("Show Us Your Guns") is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently up to her ears beach wedding season.

Bill Herrin ("There Grows the Neighborhood") has worked with newspapers, ad agencies, and companies of all sizes as a graphic designer, art director, creative director, copywriter, illustrator, artist and freelance cartoonist. He has lived on the Emerald Coast for two years, and finds the area to be a perfect fit for him and his wife. Bill also plays drums in a local cover band (Catalyst) that performs all over Beachcomberland.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His cartoons have recently been featured on CNN, and he was a finalist for the 2019 Herblock Prize.

Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

Samantha Lambert ("Two New Places to Get Crafty in Fort Walton Beach") writes: "Very happy to be two years back in the Sunshine State! Enjoying traveling with my husband and spending a lot of time out in the fresh air at various events and festivals."

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

THIS JUST IN

Finally, **Twisted Grape Wine Bar** (good people) in Shalimar is raising funds for **PAWS** (good people) through Saturday, **March 30**. This is in response to the influx of animals taken from Danny's Dog House (bad people) in Niceville. The back story is pretty repugnant and I do not wish to share the details here, but you can Google it or search the daily's website.

*Love,
Editor Manson*

The poster is for a fundraiser at Twisted Grape Wine Bar. It features a red and black color scheme with a silhouette of a dog and a cat. The text includes the event name, date, location, and a list of items needed for the fundraiser.

Twisted Grape Wine Bar *hosts a*

FUNDRAISER FOR PAWS

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YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

The March 14 issue was especially informative about the Underwater Sculpture project. I enjoyed the whole issue. I also like the feature **#Beachcomberdestin**. I was surprised and happy to see an acknowledgement to my art, which is at Foster Gallery (located in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin).

- Linda Kernick

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Gulfarium Unveils New Public Dune Walk

Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park has opened their new Dune Walk to the public.

The new 551-foot feature wraps around the west side of the property and provides breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico while giving guests the opportunity to learn about the importance of dunes in the coastal ecosystem.



Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park's new Dune Walk wraps around the west side of Fort Gator, providing never before seen views of the exhibit.

The Dune Walk offers an exciting new perspective of multiple exhibits at the Gulfarium, including Dune Lagoon, Fort Gator and The Bayou. Not only can guests now view some of their favorite exhibits from a new angle, there is also a new box turtle exhibit to enjoy.

"We are very excited to open our new Dune Walk and highlight the importance of coastal dune



A new observation window into The Bayou allows Gulfarium guests to get an up-close view of the habitat.

lakes," said Gulfarium director **Patrick Berry**. "These lakes are unique geographical features, found only in a handful of areas, including right here in Northwest Florida.

"Many endangered species, including sea turtles and beach mice, use dune lakes for nesting and shelter,

making them an essential part of the environment."

The north and south entrances of the Dune Walk are wheelchair accessible so the new area can be enjoyed by all visitors. Discover more at **Gulfarium.com**.

- Aimee Brim

News from the Gumbo World – Throwdowns and Fresh Starts

On Thursday, March 7, LPL Financial located at First City hosted their 8th Annual Gumbo Throwdown at the bank's Fort Walton Beach location for Fresh Start for Children and Families, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families achieve long-term self-sufficiency through a nine-month residential educational program.

The event drew a crowd of over 400 attendees to sample endless tastes of gumbo from various local restaurants. Guests enjoyed live music by Hurricane Donny & Marshall Jones, beignets provided by Good Things Doughnuts, a commemorative photo booth from Epic Photo Co., and complimentary beer and wine.

Upon check-in, guests received a token in order to vote for the coveted People's Choice Awards for the Best Gumbo Along the Emerald Coast. The following winners were chosen by eventgoers:

FIRST PLACE
AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar

SECOND PLACE
Fort Walton Yacht Club

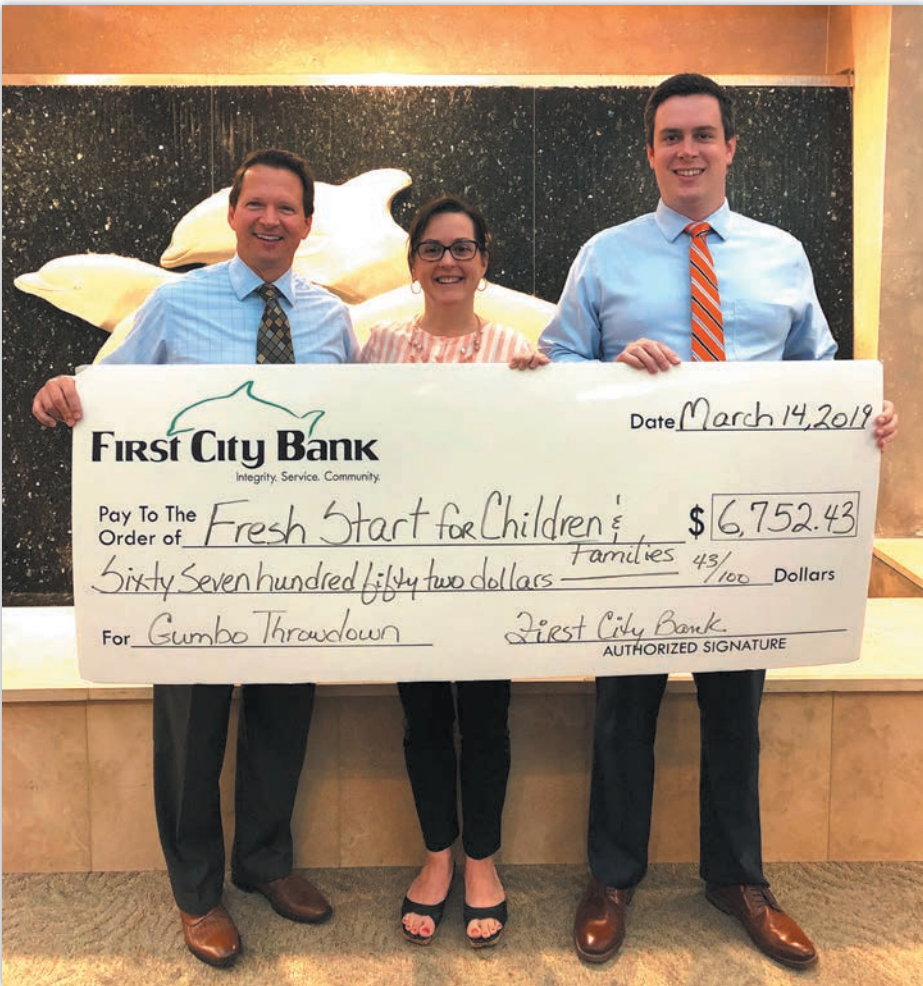
THIRD PLACE
SunQuest Cruises

A panel of select food critics and local celebrities judged each gumbo and selected **Signature Catering of 30A** as the most delicious and most creative.

All awards were custom made by local artist Maxine Orange, and the Judge's Award winner received a custom trophy from The Trophy Center.

Through general admission ticket sales and raffle ticket sales, the event raised \$6,752.43 for Fresh Start. All of the proceeds will go towards aiding the local area's homeless population, and more specifically, funding Fresh Start's housing and education programs that will ultimately help families achieve self-sufficiency.

Learn more at **freshstartfl.com**.
- Proffitt PR



Mark Dutram, vice-president of LPL Financial at First City Bank; Mary Wilson, executive director of Fresh Start for Children and Families; and Jonathan Slater, wealth advisor for LPL Financial.

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NWF State College Techies Honored



On March 7, Northwest Florida State College inducted more than 20 new members to the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS).

NTHS recognizes top students in Career and Technical Education with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The honor society has chapters in more than 4,000 schools nationwide. Membership in NTHS assists students in acquiring top jobs in their fields of study, preparing them for successful futures.

“We are incredibly proud of our students,” said NWFSC president **Dr. Devin Stephenson**. “They represent our institution at the highest level,

and we know they will make a great impact on our community when they enter the workforce.”

The students inducted were **Sheree Allgyer**, Pensacola; **Alyssa Beckdol** and **Elizabeth Marion**, Destin; **Valerie Bogar**, **April Bolin**, **Pamela Carter**, **Venequia Dixon-Ateme**, **Jessica Guillen**, **Megan Kennedy**, **Emma Lee**, **Amy Miller**, **Kristen Nails** and **Shauna Olson**, Niceville; **Jessica Jordan**, **Katelyn King**, **Amy Padgett** and **Savannah Thacker**, DeFuniak Springs; **Marikou Ketcham**, Eglin Air Force Base; **Chasity Kraus**, Crestview; **Kathy Reed**, Fort Walton Beach; and **Jessica West**, Florala, Alabama.

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Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local”. According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much

of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Tilapia/pig feces: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html>

Hmmm. Imagine if Obama Hadn't Been Such a Boy Scout

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Turning back the clock of history to wonder, “What if Barack Obama had been more like Donald Trump?”

In a stunning defiance of a long-standing tradition, Democratic presidential frontrunner Barack Obama refuses to make public his federal tax returns.

“America, what is this man hiding???” bellows future ex-Fox commentator Bill O'Reilly on his nightly show. “Obviously Obama's been paying little or no income tax, and is embarrassed—AS HE SHOULD BE!—to let the hard-working people of this country know the shameful truth!”

Only days before the election, a bombshell *Access Hollywood* tape reveals Obama bragging he “can do anything” to women, including “grab ‘em by the p---y.”

Outraged evangelical leaders condemn Obama for his crude remarks and plead for him to drop out of the race. Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana says his wife won't let him listen to the tape, though an edited transcript confirms his views that Obama is a “depraved sex criminal unleashed by Satan himself.”

Shrugging off the findings of several U.S. intelligence agencies, newly inaugurated President Obama says there's no reason not to believe Vladimir Putin's claim that Russia didn't meddle in the election.

Republicans lambast Obama as hopelessly naive and dangerously unfit for office. Right-wing darling Ann Coulter accuses the president of having a “kinky man-

crush” on dictators, while radio host Rush Limbaugh becomes so agitated that he accidentally inhales his microphone.

Obama fires the head of the FBI, and then idiotically admits to NBC's Lester Holt that he did it to curb the investigation of possible pre-election collusion between his campaign and the Russian government.

Pulled from his cryogenic sleeping chamber and revived by aides, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell urges the appointment of a special counsel to investigate Obama's actions, which he calls a “flagrant, unconstitutional, unb-b-b-believable obstruction of justice.”

The *Wall Street Journal* reveals that Obama's personal attorney and “fixer” paid \$130,000 in hush money to an adult-film actress with whom Obama once had an affair.

Evangelical leaders assemble at an Emergency White Morality Conference and demand that the president resign immediately. A seething Sean Hannity tells Fox viewers that Obama is “worse than Bill Clinton, because Clinton never did it with porn stars. He drew the line at interns!”

It's revealed that Obama's daughters and campaign manager met secretly with a Russia-connected lawyer before the election to get “dirt” on Obama's opponent. The president claims he didn't know about the meeting, and accuses the FBI of staging a “witch hunt.”

An enraged Ann Coulter calls Obama a “high-paid commie traitor,” and chews off her own left arm during

a taping of Bill Maher's show. After a 12-minute floor debate over how to spell the president's middle name, the House of Representatives begins preparing articles of impeachment.

President Obama idiotically tells a televised political rally that he and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un “fell in love” during their first summit meeting. Later he says that, despite U.S. intelligence reports, he believes the dictator really didn't know about the fatal torture of an American college student.

Sean Hannity's neck gets so hot that the lacquer in his hair catches fire. Rush Limbaugh abruptly goes on a “personal leave” so he can learn how to defibrillate himself. Meanwhile, Mitch McConnell says the special counsel “should slow down and pursue every lead, no matter how small.”

Obama's ex-national security adviser pleads guilty to lying to the FBI about interacting with Russian officials, his former personal attorney pleads guilty to bank fraud, tax fraud and lying to Congress and his ex-campaign manager gets 90 months in prison for witness tampering, illegal foreign lobbying and a \$6 million tax dodge.

Republicans denounce Obama as the swampiest, most crooked president in history. Rep. Steve King, of Iowa, introduces a resolution to “reconsider the feasibility of lynching, for presidential high crimes and misdemeanors.”

It's confirmed that President Obama rejected the advice of his staff and ordered top-security access for his daughters, Malia and Sasha, and their steady boyfriends.

In an unprecedented move, Mitch McConnell starts an impeachment trial in the Senate before the House is even finished drawing up the charges. Meanwhile, Fox News star Tucker Carlson phones Bubba the Love Sponge's radio show to say Malia is “totally hot—and way smarter than her old man.”

During the same week that photographs surface of President Obama posing with the female founder of a chain of sketchy massage parlors, he autographs Bibles for tornado victims in Alabama.

Moving vans appear overnight in the White House driveway. Evangelicals nationwide stage “Thank You, God” rallies, while conservatives hail the smooth transition of power as proof that the U.S. Constitution still works.

“Our long national nightmare is over,” declares newly sworn President Joe Biden, adding, “I wrote that one myself.”

Carl Hiaasen is a columnist for the Miami Herald. Readers may write to him at: 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.

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Things That Make My Life Worth Living

By Charles Morgan III

Editor's Note: This column originally appeared in the December 15, 2005 Beachcomber. Charles tells us, "I'm thankful for the same things now that I was 14 years ago."

The paintings of Russell Chatham. The novels and poetry of Jim Harrison. The pace of life in the Bahamas. The pace of life in the country. Riding Paso Finas in the woods. A vegetable garden. Trout fishing on the rivers around Livingston, Montana. Bonefishing in the Marls.

April days in Destin with light southeast winds. The green tank. Double yellow-bluffs. Old woman hill. The microwave tower. The park. The last house. The black fence. A live well full of fresh, hand-sized chofers. The first cobia of the year. The last cobia of the year. The biggest cobia of the year.

Mother's, Gallatoires, Pascal Manales, Central Grocery. Highlands Bar and Grill. The Varsity. Mary Mac's. Manuel's Tavern. The Woody Creek Tavern. Dharma Blue. Harbor Docks. Camille's. Silver Sands breakfast.

Fried chicken with turnip greens, corn pudding, fried okra, tomatoes, slaw, corn bread and sweet tea. Conch salad. Souse chicken. Lobster salad. Watching people drink their first Wally's Special. Strong coffee with sweetened condensed milk. A well-timed cigarette.

People who listen. People who learn. People who teach. People who laugh. A brilliant doctor who cares. Well run businesses and the people responsible for them.

Alabama football. Memories of Coach Bryant. A lock in college football. A lock in pro football. The Masters. The hope that there will again be daytime World Series games one day.

Knowing that in my lifetime there were men like John and Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Watching children grow. Enjoying the same music as my kids. Watching children spear their first lobster and dive their first conch. Cobia fishing with my son. Talking politics with my son. Eating mangoes with my daughter. Listening to and learning from my daughter. Children who are empathetic to the plight of the less fortunate. A wife with political and

social awareness and understanding, who has always stood with her family.

Acts of goodwill. Things of beauty. People who are dedicated to their religion and are still tolerant of others. A well-told joke.

Memories of Ollies, The Hopkins House, and the Chukker. The hamburgers in the back of the old Jitney Jungle. The pies at the Plaza. Lunch at the Quarter Deck.

Mountain Brook Village. Christmas shopping at Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza. Red Baron's. Modica Market and Sundog Books.

Anything small and independent. Independence. Cheeseburgers at Tops and Mickeys. Hamburgers at the Blue Dot. Ribs at Archibalds. Art house movie theaters.

The New York Times. A good pickup truck. Boats built by Buddy Gentry and Steve Sauer. The Hey Baby. Man-o-War boats built by Willard Albury. Houses built by Charles Sands.

Wonderful parents. A mother who is smarter, sweeter and has more sense and energy than her son. A father with an incredible history and the ability to remain in good spirits despite overwhelming odds.

The incredible folks who help care for my father.

Old Highway 98. Old County Road 30A (pre-Sea-side). North Walton county and the Eucheena

Valley. Watching Obie and Aussie, Australian shepherds at work.

Enjoying the wilderness left in this world. The Paradise Valley. Kebler Pass.

Never knowing. Always growing. The mysteries of life. Tolerance and compassion. The gift of flowers.

Friends. Friends from childhood. New friends. Old friends. Enjoying a friend's success.

People who are kind to your parents. People who are kind to your children. People who are kind. Enjoying your work and the people you work with.

People who are exceptionally good at what they do. Knowing people who understand technology. Common sense in an uncommon degree.

Levis, t-shirts and tennis shoes and the professions that allow them to be worn.

Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and Jackson Browne.

The Last Picture Show and *Cinema Paradiso*.

Porches. Lots of porches. Polaroid photographs. The ability to retain good memories and dump the bad ones.

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Sunshine and Color and Betty Cork



As part of the Art in Public Places program, **Betty Cork** will display her work at the Walton County Coastal Branch Library in Santa Rosa Beach during the month of April.

Ms. Cork, a South Walton resident, has spent more than 25 years painting in oils, acrylics, watercolor and mixed media. Her love of primary colors is a signature theme to her work.

She paints to evoke the joy of life, especially her love of the beach. "I want each painting to be a vacation—

an escape from the bustle of daily life to a place of sunshine and color," she says.

Ms. Cork has studied with artists and art instructors throughout the United States, Mexico and Italy. Her work has been accepted in juried shows in Florida and Alabama. The artist's creativity is on display at the Studio Gallery in Grayton Beach and in private collections throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. She is also a member of the Artists of 30A.

— Nan Ream

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

March 30. Welcome to Watercolors with Natalia Light, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Students will paint regatta boats in a forgiving technique, with visible brush strokes. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members). Supply list available on the ADSO website.

April 25. Sip and Paint with Jeff Mallery, 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme is "Amber and Merlot," a study in wine glasses. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included—bring your beverage of choice.



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HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit Heritage-Museum.org to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

April 11. Teddie Ciudad-Real's Monthly Mobile Class, 10 AM-finish (or 3 PM, whichever comes first). Use driftwood, sea glass, shells, wire and more to create your own unique design. Bring lunch. Cost is \$35 per person, all supplies included. Call or email teddiec@mac.com to reserve your spot.

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ART EVENTS

THROUGH MARCH 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

The March spotlight shines on **Charlotte Snyder**, who found a passion for pottery nearly 20 years ago. A lifelong gardener, she has always loved to get her hands in the dirt, citing an attraction within herself to the earth whether through molding clay or growing plants.

THROUGH MARCH 31. LORI DREW EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Ms. Drew's solo show "A Walk in the Park" features all new impressions of the natural beauty of our national parks. She was named South Walton Mixed Media Artist of the Year for 2017.

The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail. Hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays and 9 AM-5 PM Tue.-Sat.

THROUGH APRIL 5. ADSO'S "FAIRY TALE REINTERPRETED SHOW" AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Enjoy works that depict fairy tale characters reinvented. Reception Friday, **March 15**, 6-8 PM, featuring a "Battle of the Brushes." More info at www.artsdesignsociety.org.

THROUGH APRIL 22. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN GRAND BOULEVARD TOWN CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH

Artists include **Melody Bogle, Gayle Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Skip Deems, Sandra Horne, Linda Kernick, Jason Lindblad, Rosalyn O'Grady, William Polley, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, Judy Walton and Heather Clements**. Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 26. "FRESH START" AT EAST END GALLERY, INLET BEACH

Gallery hours are 10 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri. and Saturdays by appointment. Call 850-252-5150 or email lori@eastend30a.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE

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OPENS APRIL 1. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH



The April spotlight shines on teacher and award-winning artist **Marcy Eady**, who says art, and her expressions through it, keep her grounded and feed her soul.

OPENS APRIL 1. BETTY CORK EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Ms. Cork has spent more than 25 years painting in oils, acrylics, watercolors and mixed media.

OPENS APRIL 9. ADSO'S 20TH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

The show runs through **May 3**, with a reception set for Friday, **April 12**, 6-8 PM.

APRIL 13. HH ARTS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, FORT WALTON BEACH

Join **Helen Harris** and the gang from 10 AM to 3 PM, for food, drinks, artist demonstrations and more. The gallery is located at 100 Beal Parkway SW.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART Features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

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THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

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Arts and Design Society's Annual Photography and Digital Arts Exhibition

Open to all interested photographers. Turn in work Friday, **April 5**, and Monday, **April 8**. Copy of entry form and additional details are available at artsdesignsociety.org. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

Downtown Arts Night in DeFuniak Springs

Scheduled for Saturday, **April 27**, 4-8 PM, on historic Baldwin Avenue overlooking Lake DeFuniak. All artists and craftsmen interested in selling and showcasing work are encouraged to submit applications by calling 850-865-2976 or email DowntownArtsNight@gmail.com.

Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival

Create an original artwork in your medium of choice to promote this year's festival. The winning submission will be used in festival promo materials, including website, t-shirts, programs, press releases and signage. Plus—bragging rights, 200 bucks. Deadline to enter is midnight, **April 30**—no fee to enter. The winner will be announced **May 31**. More info at FBISF.com.



This is Ruta, who took top honors in the Arts and Design Society's recent "Fairy Tale Reinterpreted" show. Her oil painting is titled "Tinker." Other award winners included Michael Lunsford, second place for "Dreams for Sale" (acrylic); Marcy Eady, third place for "The Old Lady Who Lives in a Shoe" (clay); Jennifer Dennis, honorable mention for "Little Red's Revenge" (oil pastel); and Marie Chapman, honorable mention for "Who's Afraid?" (acrylic).

Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.



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Show Us Your Guns!!

By Nikki Hedrick

The band Gunner has been around since 2012, and guitarist-vocalist **Phil Allen** says the band's combined history led to the name. "We were all a bunch of military vets, and that's how the name came about, so we decided our name would pay homage to all the military guys around here, like us. Hurlburt Field, the Gunners, that's where that all came from."

Allen found his way to the region after being stationed at Hurlburt Field, and, of course, he fell in love with the area.

"I've played music since I can remember. I mean, there was always instruments around my house, and I never could keep my hands off music. Once I got my first guitar, it was all over with."

Allen had been playing with Phil Calhoun's Trashy White Band, and as he was leaving the group, Graham Thompson ("my partner in crime") was coming into the band. "Things ran their course, and we were both looking for something to do, and we got together one day and said, 'We should put together a band that plays old time classic rock 'n roll like we grew up doing.'"

And with a shared love of loud classic rock 'n roll, Gunner was formed.

Although the lineup has changed a few times over the years, Allen and Thompson (guitar and vocals) remain at the core of Gunner. Drummer Chad Dickey and Danny Clausman (bass and vocals) complete the current lineup.

"Old Aerosmith, old Led Zeppelin, Bad Company, stuff from the '70s," is how Allen describes the band's repertoire. "Anything that was on FM rock radio during the '70s. And we do some '80s and some '90s, but generally it's older rock."

"I think a lot of people are just...they're surprised by our song list in general because you just don't hear a whole lot of the groups around here doing what we do. Thin Lizzy? When's the last time you heard a band play Thin Lizzy?"

Gunner has a member of southern rock royalty in its ranks. Bassist-vocalist Danny Clausman was in an early incarnation of the Johnny Van Zant Band and can be heard on their first records.

"That was unexpected that I would have somebody like him want to be in my band," says Allen. "Of course, here it is four years later, and he's still with me."

When sharing advice for aspiring musicians, Allen cautions against not having a career Plan B. "Go to a trade school. I'm serious. You know, I've worked with some really serious musicians over the years. I did two years with Ricky Lee Phelps from the Kentucky Headhunters, he walked away from it. I mean, the Kentucky Headhunters, they were the biggest thing in country (music) in the '90s."

"Danny, he walked away from Johnny Van Zant. It's a really tough life. I learned years ago, don't



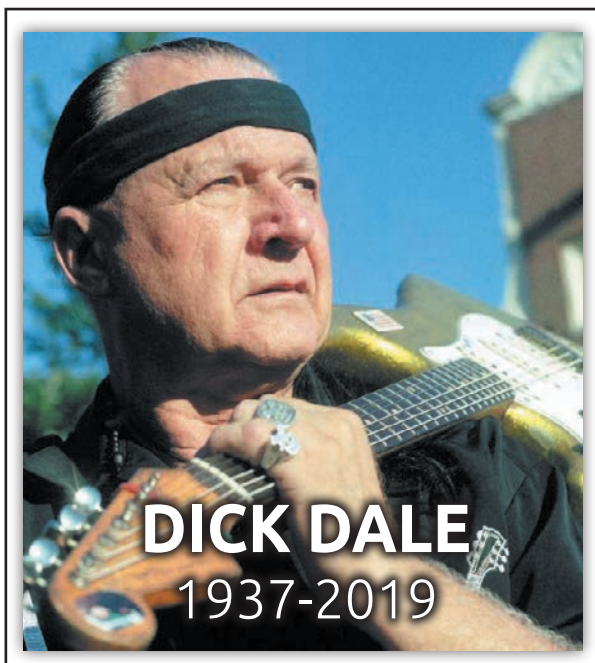
hedge my bets on music—get a career, and just let the music do what it's going to do. And I think with all the guys in the band, we all have really good jobs locally and we do this because we love it, not because we have to.

"For me, I was a traveling musician for years and when music became my job, I hated it. And that's the worst thing is to hate music...the thing that you love the most. So yeah, I would tell somebody thinking about becoming a full-time musician for life, go to a trade school. Get something to fall back on first before you go out there and realize what you got yourself into with the music industry."

Allen's choices included deciding not to tour with Foghat. "I did a show with them up in Toledo, Ohio, back when I was on the road. Roger Earl from Foghat, he called me aside after the show and he said, 'Hey, how would you like to come on the road with us?' And I'm like, 'You know? I'm going back to Florida. I appreciate the offer, but no thank you. I want to go back to the beach and sleep in my bed at night.'"

To this day, Allen doesn't regret the choice he made. "I live in paradise."

Learn more about Gunner and their upcoming gigs at www.GunnerRocks.com.



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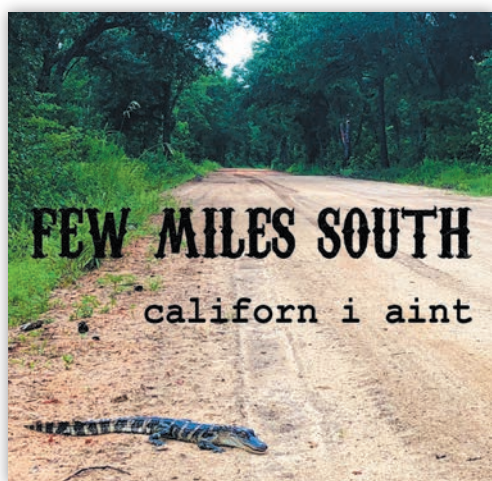
Gary Clark Jr.
This Land
Warner Brothers



Unabashedly stating his truth, the title track and accompanying video isn't the type of political statement I generally associate with Clark. From there, he seems to be branching out into...well, everything. *This Land* is full of songs, moments and genre jumping that leaves the album a bit hard to connect with as a single piece. But each song has such a strong personality it's a bit like stepping directly into Clark's head and his numerous musical influences.

- Nikki Hedrick

Few Miles South
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The Panhandle is this country band's second home, and they continue to travel a road rooted in attitude and bluesy guitar licks. Whether you have a soft spot for slide guitars, twangy no-nonsense lyrics, or country tunes that aren't afraid to have a rock backbone, you'll want to give this one a spin.

- Nikki Hedrick

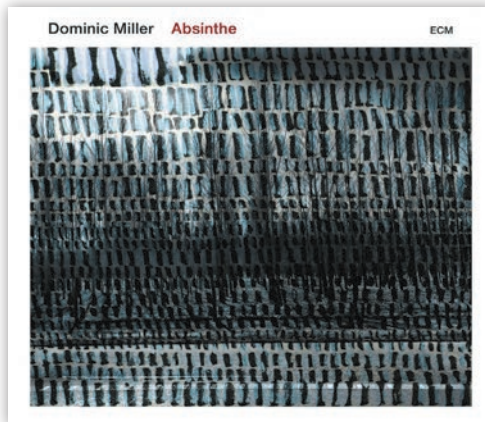
Branford Marsalis Quartet
The Secret Between the Shadow and the Soul
Okeh Records



Saxophonist (he plays them all) Branford Marsalis and his standby Quartet hit the mark squarely with *The Secret Between the Shadow and the Soul*. The seven tracks burst with humor, grace and swing, the kind of this-looks-easy ensemble work that bespeaks long collaboration. It's hard to choose which is the best—for me, it's a tie between “Dance of the Evil Toys”—which evokes Raymond Scott's ingenious compositions, adapted by Carl Stalling for classic Looney Tunes animation—and “Snake Hip Waltz,” a cheerful, lascivious piece that gives Marsalis a chance to trill and chirp like Charlie Parker in a good mood. A must-listen.

- Bruce Collier

Dominic Miller
Absinthe
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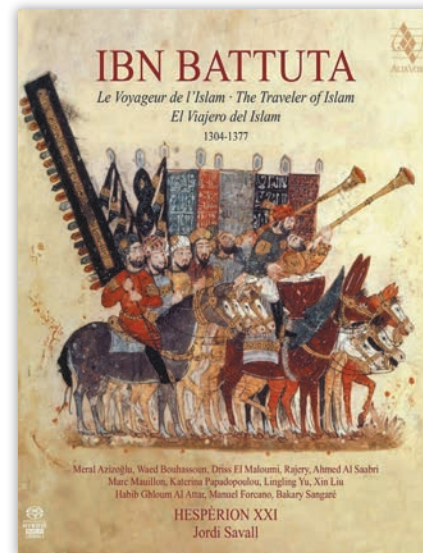


Argentine-born guitarist Dominic Miller is the son of an Irish mother and an American father. He grew up in Buenos Aires, Racine, Wisconsin, and London. He paid his dues and honed his craft as a sideman for Sting before going out on his own, playing rock, world music and classical. *Absinthe* is his latest. Like the namesake spirit, it's a blend that sneaks

up on you. Miller and his four sidemen incorporate nylon and steel strings, bandoneon, drums and keyboard. The 10 tunes have a French-Celtic feel, with some brooding folk and even a little Romani and Cape Breton flavors.

- Bruce Collier

Jordi Savall & Hesperion XXI
Ibn Battuta – The Traveler of Islam
Alia Vox



In the 1300s, a Muslim scholar named Ibn Battuta left Morocco for a 16-month pilgrimage to Mecca. He got back 24 years later, having gone as far east as Beijing, as far south as Tanzania, and everywhere in between. Catalan musician and “early music” historian Jordi Savall and his crew Hesperion XXI recount a slice of Battuta's adventures in *The Traveler of Islam*, based on Battuta's writings. This recording features some 55 tracks, and a stageful of exotic music—songs, dances, percussion riffs, and non-Western grooves, played on traditional instruments and interspersed with narrative in English, Arabic and French.

- Bruce Collier

EDITOR'S CHOICE – FIVE ALBUMS TO GET YOUR EARS AROUND RIGHT NOW

Ray Charles, *Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music, Vol. 1 and 2*. Available on music streaming services (the good and evil ones) for the first time. Hallelujah.

Robert Ellis, *Texas Piano Man*. Sounds like the “Walking in Memphis” guy with balls.

The Delines, *The Imperial*. Superb storytelling, first-rate production...I didn't want to stop listening.

Bob Mould, *Sunshine Rock*. The former Husker proves he can still Du it. Noisy and lovely.

Julia Kent, *Temporal*. Pseudoclassical hypnotic soundscapes that somehow connect. Ms. Kent is one engaging weirdo.

- Chris Manson



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Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7-9:30 PM

FISH OUT OF WATER, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX MCCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CHAUNCY CRANDALL, 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne LIVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
HORSESHOE KITTY, 8 PM-Midnight

AMVETS, Crestview
REMEDY BAND, 8 PM

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

BUD & ALLEY'S, Seaside
FAREWELL ANGELINA – THE WAR AND TREATY – THE KRICKETS

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

PROPS BREWERY, Fort Walton Beach
ROB ROMANS

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
QWERTY, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SLICK MICK'S, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE TIPSYPIG, Mary Esther
GUNNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
BLAKE BROCK BAND, 8 PM-Midnight

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
GUNNER, 8 PM

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

DOCIE'S DOCK, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 7 PM

1835 PORCH BAR AT DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE, Destin, 1835PorchBar.com
SETH GALLOWAY & BO ADAMS, 6-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
BLACKWATER BRASS, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
ED WRANN, 4 PM

HAMMERHEADS, Village of Baytowne Wharf
CLINT HALL GROUP with TOM LATENSER & CHARLES PAGANO, 6 PM

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOWMAN DUO, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
YINUO WANG, 7:30 PM
Piano recital by the internationally renowned musician. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 18 and under.

PROPS ALE HOUSE, Niceville
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REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM



Bill Herrin: A Record That Changed My Life

After much thought, I've come to a conclusion...although I've been a music freak since I was a kid, I've never really put much thought into whether or not any record truly changed my life. I've had favorite bands, then later resorted to just having a top ten list of favorites because it's so hard to choose. Even then, the bands tended to rotate. My first album, around the age of 12, was Elton John's *Greatest Hits*, and I bought it primarily for the song "Saturday Night's Alright (For Fighting)," followed by ZZ Top's *Fandango*, a powerhouse of blues and rock, Tex-Mex style.

The album I've chosen was retroactively discovered, through the suggestion of an art school friend at age 18. **Cheap Trick** was my favorite band in high school—there were plenty of great bands out there, but they had an appeal that was hard to measure or explain. They had a special something that just worked. I first learned of the band primarily through their *Live at Budokan* record, and the subsequent hits that came from it.

Delving further into their stuff, I bought *In Color*. The production wasn't that great, and the songs seemed lackluster and somewhat contrived. There were a few gems, but they really rang truest when played live on the Budokan record. Fate struck when my friend said, "You need to check out their first record, it's phenomenal." After he played it for me, I ran out and bought it. The first time I played it through, I liked it, but it grew on me more and more to the point that I felt a bit sheepish admitting that I had never listened to it prior to the band breaking big in Japan. I was usually way ahead of the curve.

Fast forward to 2019, Cheap Trick's self-titled album still stands as a monolithic work that I never grow tired of. Nowadays, I can just pull it up on YouTube and play it whenever, but on a decent stereo (or headphones), it's hard to believe how well it still holds up. Now considered to be one of the forefathers of power pop, Cheap Trick didn't garner many sales with this first album, but hardcore fans tend to "get it" and love it.

Without doing a song-by-song breakdown, I can say that it's the darkest album they've made, and has



the rawest energy—it's like they took the soaring vocals of Robin Zander, the amazing sound (and playing and ingenuity) of Tom Petersson's 12-string bass, the hook-laden riffs of Rick Nielsen's guitar work, and the hard-hitting pocket rock drumming of Bun E. Carlos, added a dash of mandocello here, some punk rock there, and put it all in a blender. What they got was unadulterated chaotic rock on one song, and on the next, heartfelt tributes to an old friend.

It's a rollercoaster ride of a variety I've never seen a band traverse on one record—not inconsistent, but consistently different throughout, and cohesive as an album.

Bun E. inspired me to play drums, and I learned by playing along with him (headphones) in a dank basement in western Pennsylvania...an affliction that I've never been able to shake. I've seen Cheap Trick perform at least 18 times—as headliners, as openers for other bands, and as a club act. I think one of the biggest things that appealed to me was they did it their way, and as a short, freckle-faced kid that was never gonna have the "look" to be a rock star, it inspired me to see a band that had two guys that had the rock star looks, and two that were geeky and dorky looking. And they had a chemistry that got them all the way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Kudos to a great midwestern rock band that made music that reached the airwaves...and touched the heart of a kid who still finds them an inspiration all these years later. Thanks, Rockford, Illinois.

Read more from Bill Herrin in this issue's Beachcomberland Places feature.

Live Music

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
Jazz with BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 6-9 PM

YE OLDE BROTHERS BREWERY, Navarre
GROUP THERAPY, Noon
Craft Beer Fest

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
ROB ROMANS (Brunch)

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, APRIL 1

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RICK WILSON, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM
Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM



The power trio Superfaced only looks like a duo here because frontman Brandon Day just HAD to stand right in front of the drum kit...

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 8 PM

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GYPSY PEARL, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne LIVE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
HOODOOS, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
EMERALD COAST BLUES BROTHERS, 7-9 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
ALLEN RAYFIELD, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
SERGIO & THE SATIN DOGS, 5 PM

MUSEUM OF COMMERCE, Pensacola
WUWF 88.1 Presents RadioLive with KORBY LENKER – TANYA GALLAGHER – JONATHAN BYRD, 6 PM
Doors open at 5 PM. Tickets are \$10 at wuwf.org.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside
THE MOSLEYS, 7:30 PM
Tickets are \$25 at LoveTheREP.com.



UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

MARCH 29

American Pleasure Club, *Fucking Bliss*

John Coltrane, *Coltrane ’58: The Prestige Recordings**

Steve Earle & the Dukes, *Guy**

Billie Eilish, *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*

Marvin Gaye, *You’re the Man**

I Prevail, *TRAUMA**

L.A. Guns, *The Devil You Know**

Mekons, *Deserted**

Jake Miller, *Based on a True Story*

Stevie Nicks, *Stand Back 1981-2017**

Jake Owen, *Greetings from...Jake*

Ben Platt, *Sing to Me Instead*

Suzi Quatro, *No Control**

Son Volt, *Union**

George Strait, *Honky Tonk Time Machine**

Donna Summer, *Another Time and Place – 30th Anniversary**

Whitechapel, *The Valley*

Eli Young Band, *This Is Eli Young Band: Greatest Hits**

Frank Zappa, *Zappa in New York (40th Anniversary Deluxe Edition)**

*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel: Music from Season Two**

APRIL 5

Sara Bareilles, *Amidst the Chaos**

Brooks & Dunn, *Reboot*

Don Felder, *American Rock ‘n’ Roll**

Khalid, *Free Spirit**

Lissie, *When I’m Alone: The Piano Retrospective*

Reba McEntire, *Stronger Than the Truth**

Mike + the Mechanics, *Out of the Blue**

Kendrick Scott Oracle, *A Wall Becomes a Bridge*

Periphery, *Periphery IV: Hail Stan*

Molly Tuttle, *When You’re Ready**

Gino Vannelli, *Wilderness Road*

Jai Wolf, *The Cure to Loneliness**

*Cleveland Rocks.** With Ian Hunter, Ronnie Spector and the E Street Band, Meat Loaf, Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes and more.

* Also on Vinyl

Sources: Allmusic.com, Pauseandplay.com

Live Music

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF,
Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne LIVE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
HORSESHOE KITTY, 8 PM-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

CLUB LA, Destin
RED SUN RISING
Tickets available at www.rockdestin.com.

KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
REDSTONE, 8 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
MICHAEL BETHEA, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SOMO – DRAMA RELAX, 6 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM
SUPERFACED, 6-10 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
THE HOODOOS, 8 PM-Midnight

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
GUNNER, 8 PM

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

CLUB LA, Destin
ALL THAT REMAINS – ATTILA – ESCAPE THE FATE
Tickets available at www.rockdestin.com.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF,
Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne LIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, APRIL 8

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
JAY WILLIAMS, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM
Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
JORDAN YOUNG, 7 PM

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
GRITS N PIECES, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF,
Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne LIVE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
HOODOOS, 4 PM


LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

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PET OF THE ISSUE

Gracie Girl

Submitted by Beachcomber Music Award Winner Al Alvarado

Gracie came into Al's life as a rescue from PAWS.

"She's quite the character," Al tells Beachcomber, adding that Gracie is "some kind of Pit Bull mix" and, more specifically, "a 55-pound lap dog."

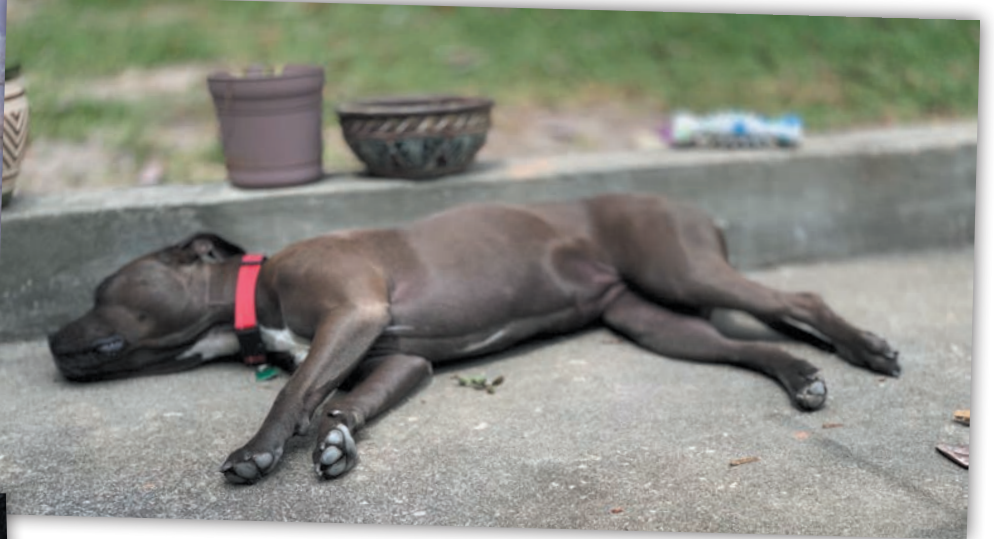
She loves to go for car rides and sun out in the front yard.



Gracie, the 55-pound lap dog.



Gracie plots her next move.



Nap time.



Fun in the sun.



Al and Gracie hit the road for more adventures.

Submit your best friend(s) for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

*All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your April 11 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **April 4**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.*

NOW OPEN

SEED LIBRARY

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach
850-267-2809

The library welcomes the community to participate in the "Community Seed Library" located next to the New Books section. With spring just around the corner, now is the time to start planning and planting seeds indoors for the spring planting season. Feel free to check out as many seeds from any category to get your garden started this season. Call for more info. or visit today.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton
Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SHELTER HOUSE'S "PURSES WITH A PURPOSE"

*Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach,
5-8 PM*

Choose from hundreds of new and gently used purses, wallets and accessories up for auction. Enjoy light bites, wine, craft cocktails, cold beer, live entertainment and photo booth.

Plus—an opportunity to drive home in a Dodge Challenger, thanks to the **Okaaloosa County Sheriff's Office!** Get your tickets for a \$20 suggested donation.

General admission tickets are \$25, with VIP packages available for \$30.

On Friday, **March 29**, 4-6 PM, and Saturday, **March 30**, 10 AM-2 PM, enjoy additional bargain shopping on any remaining merchandise, along with muffins and mimosa.

TASTE AND BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island, 4-7 PM

DestinChamber.com, FWBChamber.com

FREE event sponsored by the **Destin Chamber** and **Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce**, highlighting the best of the area's restaurants, breweries, shops, and home and professional services. Enjoy samples, promotional items, discounts and goodies from local businesses.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

DANCE-EXERCISE

Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM

An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin...be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

MARVEL OF FLIGHT FLY-IN AND EXPO

DeFuniak Springs Airport, 8:30 AM-4 PM
MarvelOfFlight.com

Featuring a large display of vintage and unique aircraft, exhibits, skydiving demonstrations, car show, live entertainment, educational presentations and food and merchandise vendors. FREE parking and admission but guests are asked to bring a canned good donation to support the Matrix, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving individuals and families in need in Walton and Okaloosa counties.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton
Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850

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PIZZA THROWDOWN

Bay Breeze Patio, Miramar Beach, Noon

Grill professionals and representatives from Alpha Oven premium pizza ovens compete for the Best Pizza trophy.



Children in Crisis honcho Ken Hair presents trophies to the winning team—John Roper, Andy Roper, Justin McClain and Shirley Woosey—in CIC's recent charity golf tournament, which raised \$25,000 to help feed, clothe and care for over 100 children that will call the CIC Children's Neighborhood home this year. Learn more at childrenincrisisfl.org.

EASTER EGG DASH!

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 21ST, 2019
2PM

ON THE LULU'S BEACH

Fun starts at **1pm**
come early for a good spot!

Meet the Easter Bunny and have fun dashing for eggs with hidden treasures inside!

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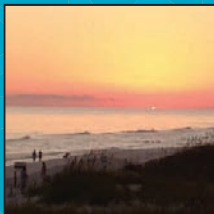
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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

2019 COBIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP KICKOFF PARTY

Harbor Docks, Destin
HarborDocks.com
Good food, good drinks, good times!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

MONDAY HYDROFLIGHT SHOWS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Ben Merrell makes waves over the lagoon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

BOOMIN' TUESDAYS – GAMES AND FIREWORKS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6-8:30 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables, followed by a breathtaking fireworks spectacular at 8:30.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Captain Davy takes you on a magical adventure.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
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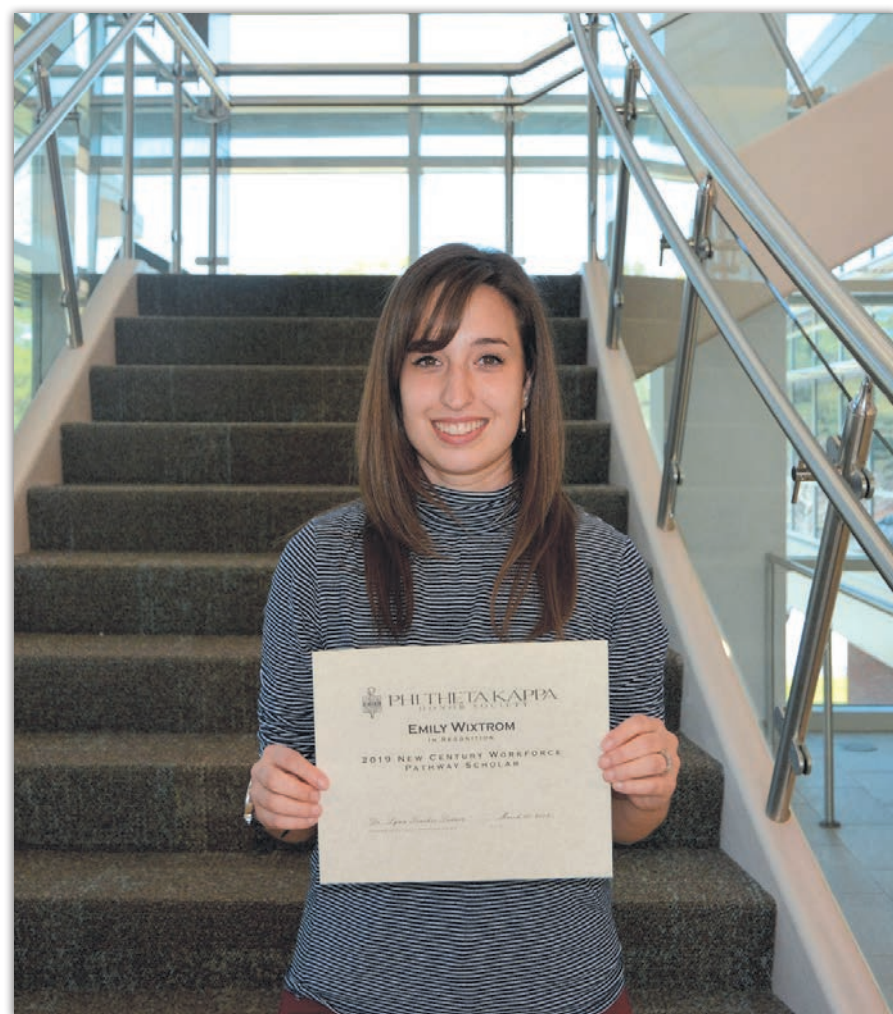
FRIDAY, APRIL 5

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EMERALD COAST JOB FAIR

Fort Walton Beach Boys & Girls Club, 923 Denton Blvd. NW, Fort Walton Beach, 8:30-10:30 AM
BGCEC seeks energetic applicants who are ready to have fun while making a difference in the lives of youth in our community. Candidates attending the job fair will have an opportunity to speak to the directors for each club about the open positions.

The BGCEC is looking to fill full-time, part-time, summer and after-school positions, including club director (Pensacola), youth development program specialists (all club locations), membership coordinator (DeFuniak Springs) and bus driver (Pensacola and DeFuniak Springs).

Those interested in applying should bring a resume and three references to the job fair



Congrats to NWF State College's Emily Wixtrom, who was selected as a 2019 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar (only one was picked from each state) and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

Photo submitted by Northwest Florida State College.

Events

or submit them in advance to Rita Cummins, administrator of organizational advancement, at rcummins@bgcec.com. For more information about the open positions and job requirements, visit www.emeraldcoastbgcec.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

FIFTH ANNUAL TEA FORE HER FUNDRAISER
Vue on 30a, Santa Rosa Beach, 1-3 PM
foreher.org/tea-fore-her.html
Guests are encouraged to dress up and grab a friend for an afternoon of tea, lunch, decadent desserts and champagne in support of Fore Her's mission to help women battling breast cancer.

The event, presented by Platinum Pink Sponsor Pizza by the Sea, will feature a silent auction, raffle, and photo booth by 30A Life Photography. Attendees will enjoy a light lunch and complimentary glass of champagne. Guests are encouraged to dress the part with festive hats to compete for the Best Hat award. Tickets to attend Tea Fore Her are \$50 each or \$45 for breast cancer survivors.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Purchase tickets online.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

LITTLE PIRATE'S PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 2-4 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
Tour the Billy Bowlegs pirate ship, and enjoy face painting and photo ops with Billy and his krewe. Plus—parade and costume contest. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/90774849256169>

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEAFOOD BOIL BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEER HEALTHCARE NETWORK
Shades Bar and Grill, Inlet Beach, All Day Long
Enjoy live music by **Jamah Terry** (noon-3 PM) and Beachcomber Music Award winners **Heritage** (3-6 PM), plus boiled crawfish, raw oysters, traditional Jambalaya, kids' bouncy houses, and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

"SPRING INTO ACTION FOR CALM" FUNDRAISER
Rocky Bayou Country Club, Niceville, 6 PM
561-202-7154
Join emcees **Christopher Saul** and **Mike Chesser**, featured speaker **Taylor Brown**, and musical guest **Ed Wrann** for a delicious buffet meal and dessert, silent auction, raffle baskets, live auction and pay-as-you-go bar to benefit **Crisis Aid for Littles and Mommies (CALM)**, a 501(c)(3) for families in crisis situations.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ASPEN'S BUTTERFLY BALL
Community Life Methodist Church, Gulf Breeze, 3-5 PM
aspenbutterflyball.com
A celebratory event in memory of the life and legacy of Aspen Jayne. Children and families are invited to enjoy baked goods, music and dancing, a photo booth, princess meet-and-greets, and engaging activities and crafts. An outdoor butterfly release will conclude the afternoon's activities.

To honor the memory of Aspen Jayne, the Anthony family has forged a campaign to support the ongoing efforts of Imani Milele Children to educate, feed and house the orphaned and most vulnerable children of Uganda. All proceeds from the event will be directly donated to the building of a nonprofit educational facility located at the Imani's Troas campus in the Jinja region of Uganda.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$20 for children and are available for purchase online.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
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A TRUE STORY OF A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE GIRL
Destin Library, 2 PM
friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com



Author **Jade Balden** speaks about her life and her book, *Pink Jade: A True Story of a Vietnamese Refugee Girl*. Ms. Balden will share the story of her family's harrowing escape by boat from war-torn Vietnam. The event is FREE and presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT
Destin Library, 9:30-10:30 AM
850-837-8572
Children ages 4 and under are invited to come out for door prizes, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and more. Registration is required—stop by the library or call. Email wrogers@cityofdestin.com for more info.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11- SUNDAY, APRIL 14

THE 33RD ANNUAL SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
SandestinWineFestival.com
Four days of unique events offering a wide range of experiences, including wine dinners with celebrity chefs and tastings showcasing hundreds of wines.

Wine novices can learn more and sample from a comprehensive selection of all varieties, styles and price ranges. Aficionados can meet winemakers and ask detailed questions. And you can purchase your favorite selections at a discount from the ABC Fine Wine and Spirits tent.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sundays – 7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park; Crab Trap, Destin; Crab Trap, Okaloosa Island Boardwalk. Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at 9 AM. Contemporary Xalt service at 10:30 AM in the Destin Life Center. Traditional service in the Sanctuary at 11 AM. Sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park, 5:30 PM. DestinUMC.org.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:45 AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach

access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. www.shorelinechurch.net.


ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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There Grows the Neighborhood... Destin's Community Garden

By Bill Herrin

Just off Destin's Main Street, lurks a little-known gem of civic pride, green-thumbery, and the result of a lot of hard work. What started as an overgrown back lot full of weeds, trees and smilax (one of the toughest and most prickly perennial vines in North America) behind the American Legion was slowly transformed into a first-class raised-bed community garden. The brainchild of Skip Overdier, this project got its start in 2013 and began as a volunteer project to clear, plan, and execute the overall layout of the garden site.

I met with **Ron Sandstead** at the site, and as he stepped off his golf cart, he began sharing more gardening information than I could fathom, and his love for the garden (and the people that participate in it) was obvious. A native of Illinois, Ron seemed to marvel at the ability of being able to garden here year-round. Ron shared how, in 2014, the well was drilled, the power line was installed (for the pump, etc.) on the property, and the first six gardeners started working to create rich soil beds that would soon produce vibrant and healthy plants in this little slice of botanical heaven.

There was a lot to learn for the gardeners at first, especially since sandy soil doesn't disseminate water in the same way that clay-based soil does. "We did a great deal of research on what makes a healthy soil—and we were starting from scratch," Ron says. Using mushroom compost, cow, rabbit and chicken manure, the gardeners found what worked best through trial and error. "We like to stick with organic methods because chemical fertilizer kills microbial activity. Our soil is primarily sand with no clay, so we make up the difference with organic materials... the results have been amazing."

One great discovery was based on the techniques used by the American Indians. By keeping the roots



of an existing plant in the ground, the active bacteria around that root help feed and water the new plants. By planting the new plants near the old ones, it builds the soil, stops erosion issues, and can increase the crop yield by 20 to 30 percent.

Ron shares another bonus to this technique—many times, the old root system will sprout a new plant from the existing roots. "We must not take the soil for granted," he says. "That universe of plant and animal matter that lives below the surface contains as many living organisms in one tablespoon of soil as there are people (currently) on this earth." Over 30 cubic yards of compost has been used to "build the soil" to date. I guess you could say it's a hotbed of activity.

By 2015, much progress had been made, and the raised beds were added. The overall site—which now includes a well and irrigation system, a lot of wood chip mulch, and 18 raised garden beds—isn't your typical garden. After starting six years ago, and actively gardening for about four years, the site is a year-round garden that fosters community participation. Participants pay an annual fee of \$100 for a raised bed space, along with access to the shared garden areas. Rules and liability waivers apply, and

the fees cover the upkeep of the property, electricity, irrigation, etc.

Gardeners grow everything from flowers to hot peppers, and there is also a nice variety of trees, too. Ron says, "I think some of the best people in the world are gardeners. My experience is that they're generous and helpful." With 18 participating gardeners, he says that they're always looking for more to join them—and you don't necessarily have to be a Destin resident, either. "We have folks from DeFuniak Springs, Bluewater (Niceville), Destin, and more."

With a brick patio/sitting area shaded by trees (patio portion was part of an Eagle Scout project by Ben Heisey), a pergola (donated by Lowe's), a beautiful trellis at the garden entrance (with climbing roses) built by Ron, and an "art fence" that runs along Spring Lane, the main entrance to the garden is quaint and inviting.

Trees and bushes throughout the garden space include avocado, pear, peach, plum, loquat, lemon, pomegranate, blueberry, persimmon, and even red raspberry. The art fence has slats about six inches wide that are painted every way imaginable—some by the gardeners (each gardener can paint up to five



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pickets for free), and some by visitors as a fundraiser for the garden. They pay \$5 to create a lasting image on the art fence, and the fence is a beautiful conglomeration of colors, patterns, sayings, and vivid inspiration.

As the spokesperson for the community garden, Ron shares with the community in many ways besides gardening—he keeps an eye on the place (and has caught his fair share of non-gardeners helping themselves), and he gives talks every month on

the fourth Monday of the month (at 5:30 PM in the American Legion dining room) in an open meeting that welcomes all to talk about gardening. They even have social media presence on Facebook—the page is called Destin Main Street Community Garden.

Ron names another huge proponent of the community garden—his self-proclaimed “garden buddy” of several years, **Carla Morgan**. He says Carla was always there, working away, every step of the way in expanding and de-

veloping the garden into the beautiful space it has become. Carla tells me, “I came into this about two years after it started. I love to garden, and after getting involved, I closed down my garden at home and started gardening at the community garden instead.”

Carla’s comments about the garden are upbeat and complimentary. “It’s been so fun to watch it progress, grow, and become more manicured. It’s such a cool thing to be a part of. We have longtime residents of Des-

tin, new transplants, retirees, young adults, a schoolteacher, a colonel, a Snowbird...even my granddaughter has a small plot here!”

And that, my friends, is how you take an idea, make it a reality, and grow fresh vegetables and fruit...oh, and friendships, too.

If you’re interested in learning more, check out the garden’s Facebook page or call Ron Sandstead at 850-974-9616.

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EDUCATIONAL

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FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS’ MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- **30A FARMERS’ MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest’s* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

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MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 AM 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. **www.gulfarium.com.**

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms.

But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk, or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. **www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.**

TUMBLING, ETC.

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Author Spotlight: Jeff Treganowan

Within the pages of Jeff Treganowan’s new book, *My Faith is Not For Sale* (available in paperback and digital), readers will find a story about a Christian woman and an agnostic man who team up to fight a corporate giant trying to steal research that is worth millions of dollars.

The book “shows how strong and brilliant a Christian single mom can be,” says Mr. Treganowan. Samantha, the heroine, uncovers a plot that could destroy the integrity of the Christian church—something the author says almost happened for real in January 2018.

Mr. Treganowan has risked his career in the Air Force to stand up for women’s rights. It involved Senator Kennedy, Congressman Barney Frank, and several newspapers and television stations. He has previously published *The Ultimate New-Home Buying Guide*, a how-to book.

Xulon Press, a division of Salem Media Group, is the world’s largest Christian self-publisher, with more than 12,000 titles published to date. *My Faith is Not For Sale* is available online through **xulonpress.com/bookstore**, **amazon.com**, and **barnesandnoble.com**.

Mr. Treganowan will sign copies of *My Faith Is Not for Sale* at the Destin Barnes & Noble Saturday, **March 30**, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Learn more at **MyFaithIsNotForSale.com**.



Recommended Reading

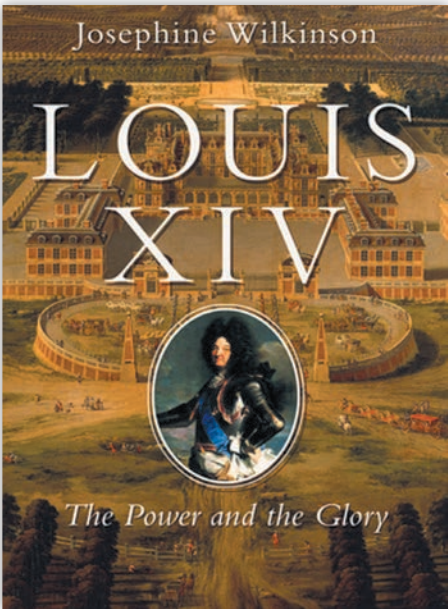
Josephine Wilkinson

Louis XIV: The Power and the Glory

Pegasus Books

The TV series *Versailles* ends this spring. I’m a fan, though it strays from historical fact. Josephine Wilkinson’s *Louis XIV: The Power and the Glory* offers perspective on France’s Sun King. Wilkinson lays out key influences on Louis’ character—notably his mother, and the rebellion of the nobility that nearly cost him his throne early in his reign. She shows us Louis as patron of the arts, lover (of multiple women) and politician (what he called his “trade”) and his dubious skill as a general. His vindictive side is also examined. Unlike the Palace of Versailles, it’s not pretty.

- Bruce Collier



Book Clubs

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
850-243-5731

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM
artsdesignsociety.org

The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield’s *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles*. Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM
850-267-2809

The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season’s list includes Christina Baker Kline’s *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah’s *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck’s *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate’s *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng’s *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann’s *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom’s *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult’s *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson’s *The Summer Before the War*.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

Upcoming Books

APRIL 2

Jeanine Donofrio, *Love and Lemons Every Day: More Than 100 Bright, Plant-Forward Recipes for Every Meal*

Matthew Gray Gubler, *Rumble Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, and Being Yourself*

Austin Kleon, *Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad*. Paperback.

Sarah Prout, *Dear Universe: 200 Mini-Meditations for Instant Manifestations*

Chris Salewicz, *Jimmy Page: The Definitive Biography*
Carson Vaughan, *Zoo Nebraska*

J.R. Ward, *The Savior (Black Dagger Brotherhood Series)*
America’s Test Kitchen: The Complete Baby and Toddler Cookbook

APRIL 9

Cassandra Clare, *The Red Scrolls of Magic*

Chelsea Handler, *Life Will Be the Death of Me...and you too!*

Anne Hillerman, *The Tale Teller: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel*

Karen Kingsbury, *Two Weeks*

Susannah B. Lewis, *Can’t Make This Stuff Up!: Finding the Upside to Life’s Downs*. Paperback.

Lisa Scottoline, *Someone Knows*

APRIL 12

Robert Christgau, *Book Reports: A Music Critic on His First Love, Which Was Reading*. Paperback.

Sources: Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com

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EDITOR'S CHOICE
I Can Only Imagine (2018)

Directed by the Erwin Brothers
Amazon Prime
Early on, the future MercyMe frontman blasts ELO and U2, and you know this isn't going to be your typical religious flick. The filmmakers reach far beyond the converted with a moving story about forgiveness and remaining genuine to yourself, all without getting preachy and providing Dennis Quaid with the role of his career. If you were put off by the whole Christian film genre (God's Not Dead 2, yikes), here's your movie miracle.
- Chris Manson



UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

APRIL 2

- Bumblebee.** Hailee Steinfeld becomes pals with a yellow VW bug.
- The Great Buster: A Celebration.** The story of legendary moviemaker Buster Keaton.
- The Mule.** Clint Eastwood as a courier for a Mexican cartel.
- Vice.** Christian Bale as Dick Cheney.

APRIL 9

- Holmes & Watson.** Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly's notorious flop.
- On the Basis of Sex.** Felicity Jones as young lawyer Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
- Welcome to Marwen.** Steve Carell as an artist trying to put his life back together.

Source: Metacritic.com

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

MARCH 29



Dumbo. Danny DeVito, Michael Keaton, Eva Green, Colin Farrell.

APRIL 5

- Pet Sematary.** Jason Clarke, Amy Seimetz, John Lithgow. Based on the novel by Stephen King.
- Shazam!** We remember the superhero from the 1970s Saturday morning TV series and can only pray that the new movie measures up.

Source: Metacritic.com



LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

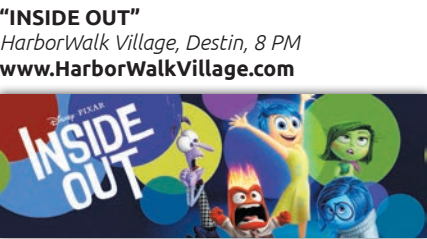
MONDAY, APRIL 1

"FINDING NEMO"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8 PM
www.HarborWalkVillage.com
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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM
ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIE NIGHT

MONDAY, APRIL 8



Bring the family to the Destin Harbor for a FREE movie under the stars.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM
ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIE NIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

LASSE HALLSTROM'S "CHOCOLAT"
Destin Library, 2 PM
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	Sunset	7:03pm	Low	4:22am
	Moon	44%	High	5:36pm
3.30	Sunrise	6:38am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:03pm	Low	5:08am
	Moon	34%	High	6:51pm
3.31	Sunrise	6:36am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:04pm	Low	5:42am
	Moon	26%	High	7:59pm
4.1	Sunrise	6:35am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:05pm	Low	6:03am
	Moon	18%	High	9:01pm
4.2	Sunrise	6:34am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:05pm	Low	6:14am
	Moon	11%	High	10:02pm
4.3	Sunrise	6:33am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:06pm	Low	6:12am/4:52pm
	Moon	6%	High	1:00pm/11:12pm
4.4	Sunrise	6:32am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:07pm	Low	5:56am/6:27pm
	Moon	2%	High	12:04pm
4.5	Sunrise	6:30am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:07pm	High	12:42am/11:44pm
	Moon	0%	Low	5:17pm/7:33pm
4.6	Sunrise	6:29am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:08pm	High	11:43am
	Moon	0%	Low	8:32pm
4.7	Sunrise	6:28am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:08pm	High	11:56am
	Moon	2%	Low	9:32pm
4.8	Sunrise	6:27am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:09pm	High	12:22pm
	Moon	5%	Low	10:42pm
4.9	Sunrise	6:26am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:10pm	High	1:01pm
	Moon	11%		
4.10	Sunrise	6:25am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:10pm	Low	12:03am
	Moon	19%	High	1:51pm

Stage > Upcoming Stage Shows



Adam Silorey in Emerald Coast Theatre Company's AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

Opening night for ECTC's production of the Mark Brown adaptation of Jules Verne's immortal classic. The performances run Thursday through Sunday until **April 7**. Directed by **Nathanael Fisher**, with **Adam Silorey**, **Jason Hedden**, **Dylan Garofalo**, **Leigh Jacobson**, and *Beachcomber's* own **Bruce Collier**. Running time is 120 minutes, and the show is appropriate for all ages. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors (55 and older), students and military. Call 850-684-0323 for more info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

ACT4MYSTERY'S "TOP O' THE MURDER TO YOU!"
Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, Seating at 6 PM, Dinner and Show at 6:30
Act4Mystery.com
Paula Hilton and her award-winning comedy troupe celebrate all things Irish as Dr. Paddy McFaddy unveils a treasure trove of historic artifacts. Plus, someone is going to die! With **Cynthia Bergquist**, **Joe Chase**, **Susan DeJesus**, **Ken Olson**, and **Mary Ann Troiano** as "Patches McButterpants." Cost is \$38 for dinner and show and includes tax and gratuity. VIP packages available.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

MONDAY, APRIL 1

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM
ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

"ALWAYS TALKIN' LIFE" FEATURING SeCORY "ATL" McLaurin
Enlightened Studios, Fort Walton Beach, 9 PM
The comedian talks...life, we're assuming.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

MONDAY, APRIL 8

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM
ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

Wine Cellar Edition

By Bruce Collier

“Malbec” is only one of some 22 different names for the same grape (and its clones). References to it can be found back to the 1700s, in the former Quercy region (now called Lot and Tarn-et-Garonne) in the southwest of France. Its French name is *Côt*, and *Côt* it still is in France, though the French are starting to use “Malbec” on their product. This is due in part to its spectacular success in Argentina (it’s Malbec there), which produces some of the highest-rated Malbec and Malbec-based wines in the world. The French know the value of name recognition.

Malbec World Day will be observed on **April 17**. It honors the day in 1853 when President Domingo Faustino Sarmiento of Argentina reportedly asked a French soil expert to bring some vines from France to jump-start the wine industry in Argentina. The Malbec (*Côt*), was among the varietals brought over, and it turns out that Argentine soil was what it needed all along.

In addition to France and Argentina, Malbec is grown in Chile, Italy, Turkey, Israel, the Republic of Moldova, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and the United States. In some countries, fewer than 50 acres are under cultivation; in Argentina it’s around 66,000. In many places, it’s used for blending; in others, like Cahors (France) and the Mendoza province of Argentina, Malbec is a primary grape.

Malbec is a red wine grape, its berries almost black in color. Their juice yields a near-opaque wine that is called “black wine” in Cahors.

With Malbec World Day approaching, you might want to do some shopping for yourself or a friend. Here are four examples, three reds and a sparkling rosé blend, all purchased locally.

Catena Malbec La Consulta, High Mountain Vines, Mendoza, Argentina (2016)
13.0 percent ABV
\$22.99

Color: dense, purple/black in the glass, with just a rim of dark red on the edge of the horizon. Nose: herbal, bell or sweet pepper, hint of wood, dried fig; takes a little time to develop in the glass. Taste: dark fruit, black plum and cherry—both pulp and peel. Velvety, dried prune and blackberry jam finish, smooth, substantial mouth feel. I drank this with beef ravioli, meatballs, tomato/basil sauce and Parmesan cheese.

Chateau De Haute Serre Grand Vin Seigneur Malbec, France, Cahors (2015)

13.5 percent ABV
\$21.99

Color: “black wine” of Cahors, nearly opaque. Nose: strong blackberry, black currant, slightly musty. Taste: at first, tart strawberry, with a tannic pull, deepens into more blackberry. Prune, red licorice, plum and nectarine. Long, warm finish, coats the palate. Heady and fruity. I drank it with pork tenderloin cooked with soy, sesame and ginger.

Shannon Ridge Reserve Home Ranch, Lake County, California (2014)

14.9 percent ABV
\$22.99

Color: Blackberry black, dense, all but opaque. Nose: if purple has a smell, here it is; heady, from a depth down in the bottom, vanilla, floral, pruny and musty. Taste: more of the pruny

and musty, straight off that same nose; smoked fruit, tobacco, dried dark unsweetened fruit, plum, raisin, nectarine. Dense and chewy, cranberry, dark cherries, black fruit and peel. Blood orange. Slight unsweetened cocoa finish. Plush, almost sweet, lots of fruit. I drank it with burgers, with asparagus, carrots and potatoes roasted in olive oil with rosemary, salt and pepper.

Alma Negra Sparkling Malbec/Pinot Noir Misterio Rose, Argentina (NV)

13 percent ABV
\$19.99

“Alma Negra” means “black soul,” the winemaker’s impression of the wine’s foundational grapes. Served chilled. Fresh and yeasty scent when the bottle is opened. Pale salmon pink, peach-blush, “eye-of-the-partridge” color, clear and unclouded, small to medium bubbles. Nose: very light, mild, when served cold. Yeasty, soda-like, merest

hint of fruit. Taste: bubbles on the tongue, flowery, hint of peach, slightly briny, very dry. As the wine becomes less cold, the nose and taste become more fruity, more peach and peach peel, nectarine, strawberry. Then other summer berries, which linger on the finish.

I would not serve this too cold, you’ll miss out on the subtle fruits. I made a Kir Royale: Alma Negra and Lejay Creme de Cassis, 4-to-1 wine to cassis. The liqueur’s sweetness was balanced by the wine’s dryness and fizz. A great before-dinner drink, with a touch of vanilla and ripe pear. Drank the Alma Negra (by itself) with herb-crusted pork.

I enjoyed all these wines—even the Alma Negra, though I’m not a fan of sparkling wine. My favorite was the Shannon Ridge. I think it’s because it was the oldest vintage. Malbec wines benefit from aging.



Two New Places to Get Crafty in Fort Walton Beach

By Samantha Lambert

THE CRAFT BAR, UPTOWN STATION

The wait is over, Fort Walton Beach! The newest location of **The Craft Bar** opened in early March at Uptown Station next to Wine World. It is the fourth Craft Bar to open under owner Chan Cox.

“Bringing the Craft Bar to Fort Walton Beach has been in the works for a while,” says marketing director **Fontella Hardman**, who has been with the company for five years. The Destin location opened in 2014.

The Craft Bar is a gastropub that serves craft beer, handcrafted cocktails, and chef-inspired food, all with a focus on local and regional sources. There are 30 craft beers on tap, and Chef Scott Plumley’s culinary creations are artisan twists on traditional pub food.

Lunch is available everyday from 11 AM to 3 PM. Popular lunch items include salads (tuna, chicken) and the Market Meatloaf. Dinner is from

3 to 11 PM (midnight on Fridays and Saturdays). Choice dinner selections include bourbon smoked striped bass and fried chicken. The Saturday and Sunday Chicken and Waffle Brunch (from 11 AM to 2 PM) includes a free glass of champagne.

Happy hour is Monday through Friday from 2 to 6 PM, with a select menu. Appetizers are \$5, and select beers and wines are \$5. Popular appetizers include a giant soft pretzel and pulled pork quesadillas. A 12-ounce carafe of wine can also be purchased for the same price as a large glass of wine.

The Craft Bar has an open floor plan with plenty of seating at tables, in booths, or at the bar. There are four big-screen televisions for watching sports and a dog-friendly patio. The Craft Bar is also very family friendly.

Discover more at www.thecraftbarfl.com/fort-walton-beach.



850 CRAFT RESERVE, MARY ESTHER



There is another nice surprise for beer enthusiasts on the other side of town. The **850 Craft Reserve** at 330 B Mary Esther Boulevard, just in front of the Santa Rosa Mall, opened about three and a half months ago. It is a bottle shop taproom—a package store for beer *and* a bar—owned by Army veteran Payton Tarver and her husband Kevin. The Tarvers picked up the concept in New Orleans where bottle shop taprooms are common.

“We wanted to create a destination spot, distinct from downtown,” says **Kevin Tarver**. “850 Craft Reserve gives people of Mary Esther something on this side of town. At 850 Craft Reserve, we recognize a clear need to cater to the beer enthusiast as well as the beer curious, both of whom are seeking unique, bold and exciting flavors in their sometimes never-ending quest to try that next yet untried beer.”

850 Craft Reserve has 12 taps and a cooler of 100-plus choices of beers. You can create a six-pack, fill a growler, or just enjoy a beer at the bar or at a table. There is a food truck on Fridays and Saturdays. There are three big screen televisions and a station with cards and other types

of games. The menu board shows UNTAPPD, the geosocial networking service and mobile phone app that allows its users to check in as they drink beers and share these check-ins and their locations with friends.

Some of the more popular beers and brewers handpicked for 850 Craft Reserve include Tin Roof out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Foreign Objects out of New York, and Wisconsin’s Untitled Art. There is a 20 percent discount for carryout and a 10 percent discount for military. Every Wednesday, growler fillers get 10 percent off. A glass of wine can be had for five bucks.

On **March 30**, 850 Craft Reserve will be helping out at Ye Olde Brothers Brewery in Navarre with their craft beer fest. On **May 2**, 850 Craft Reserve will host a Tap-Take, where brewers from Captain Lawrence (New York) will send representatives and load up the taps with their product. Local musician Rob Romans will perform.

850 Craft Reserve is open noon to 10 PM Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 11 PM Fridays, 11 AM to 11 PM Saturdays, and 1 to 6 PM Sundays. Call 850-830-5261 or find them on Facebook.

Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crisps. Delicious delights—brownies, regulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French cream puffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-2:30 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM-2 PM 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

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go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 AM-6 PM; Sundays, 9 AM-4 PM 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy

Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www.reddsfuel.com and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. Edwards30a.com.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalysbeach.net.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

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TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. BudAndAlleys.com.

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. RockinTacos.com

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

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HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

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POMPANO JOE’S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you’ll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com.** 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers’ dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

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THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. **SURFHUTDESTIN.COM**

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TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 AM-9 PM 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, **lacrematapas.com.**

WATERFRONT DINING

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CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it’s a state of mind. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM Five O’Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu.,

4-7 PM 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. **www.margaritavilledestin.com.**

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VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named “Best Restaurant of 2014” by Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; Tue.-Thu.—lounge 3-9 PM, dinner 5-9 PM; Fri.-Sat.—lounge 3-10 PM, dinner 5-10 PM; closed Mondays. Happy hour in the lounge only 3-6 PM. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 5-6 PM. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. **twistedgrapewinebar.com**

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

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CAMILLE’S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98
Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 PM daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille’s Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
When: 6-8 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER’S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1
Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).
Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
34902 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin
850-424-6650
GraffitiFBS.com
When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T’S
HarborWalk Village
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850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village
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850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 “Who’s to Blame” margaritas and “5 O’Clock Somewhere” cocktails.

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive
Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS
82 S Barrett Square
Rosemary Beach
850-534-0400
Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY’S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of



beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR
1193B Eglin Parkway
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850-651-5100
When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Sounds Fishy

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
My wife and I moved here a couple of months ago, and it turns out she's deathly afraid of fish. We had a beautiful spring day recently so went to the beach, where I was caught completely off guard by the hysterical scene she made. Why? Because when she waded into the water (up to her ankles!), she swore fish were touching her. We've been together for five years, and I had no idea she was afraid of fish. Is she nuts or what?

- Tony M. from Crystal Beach

Fear is a funny thing. I, for example, am deathly afraid of spiders. I'm positive if one touches me I'll die from a heart attack, which is fairly ridiculous when you think about it. But it doesn't make me nuts, and your wife probably isn't nuts either. What's nuts is you don't know your wife's fears after having been together for five years. Do you even talk to her? And then moving here and taking your wife to the beach when she's deathly afraid of fish just adds to the nuttiness. You can't really get in the water if you're afraid of fish. When my family goes out on the pontoon, we get in the water and immediately fish are nibbling at our toes. It's actually very pleasant...if you aren't afraid of fish!

Fish are everywhere. And you don't just "get over" a fear. It usually involves some kind of therapy to deal with the fear, and lots of exercises to expose yourself to the fear and learn how to react appropriately. This can take years. If your wife is interested in getting over her fear of fish, I suggest getting her some professional help. And in the meantime, talk to your wife, be supportive and stay out of the water!

Dear Dawn,
I work with a bunch of men, and they can say the darnedest things. This one guy, for example, said, "I haven't seen a shirt like that since the '90s" one day when I wore a cute blouse in that had little sparkles on it. That was kind of funny, but this other guy, every time he sees me he says, "You look tired." I'm sorry, but telling a woman she looks tired is a giant faux pas. Do you agree?

- Jackie from 30A

Yes, I completely agree with you, Jackie. Don't tell a woman she looks tired. It's very insulting. For one thing, women typically get up much earlier than men because women wear makeup, fix their hair and adorn themselves with earrings and such. Men just roll out of bed, throw on the clothes their wives laid out for them the night before and head on in.

Then, rather than being rewarded with a compliment about how lovely she looks, she's greeted with how tired she is. I have a guy at work who does that. The last time he said, "You look tired," I replied, "Yes, because I am tired. I'm 63 years old, don't sleep, and feel like hell." He didn't have much to say after that, for which I was grateful. Guys, take note. If a woman looks tired, there's no need to notify her of that. If you don't have something nice to say, don't say nothin' at all.

Dear Dawn,
My husband and I have a few shows we like to watch together, which we DVR and then at a planned time sit down to watch. The problem is he falls asleep almost as soon as he sits down. I've suggested sitting up a little taller in his chair as he's practically lying down, but he won't do it. I've suggested he make a doctor's appointment for a checkup to see if there's a medical issue, but he won't do it. I'd like to watch the show with someone, and this behavior really irritates me. What should I do?

- Penney from Destin

Sounds like it's time for a new husband. The problem is they're all about the same anyway. I've had three of the buggers, and one was no better than the other. They're fairly illogical creatures.

If he won't sit up, and he won't go to the doctor—and I'm sure from the sounds of things he won't do anything else you've suggested either—I'd suggest watching the show alone when he isn't around, and when he says, "Let's watch it," tell him you've already seen it. I have a feeling this might just be the wake-up call he needs. And I do mean wake-up call!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to office@beachcomberdestin.com.


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AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



Mercury comes on strong, bringing an uncomfortably close scrutiny to your every move. Be ridiculously nice to everyone. Chips are about to fall, and you'll wish you could depend on friends to help you through this disastrous period. Alas, friends have always been hard to find for Aquarians.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20




Neptune is wandering the heavens as though it's lost. You will suffer from an onslaught of ennui that leaves you pondering the reason for your existence. If it helps to hang on to your ragged belief in some mystical religion, do that. You don't have much of a background in reasonable, common sense life lessons to pull you out of a cavernous, deep depressive state.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20




Warm, gentle breezes. Multicolored flowers. Azalea and camellias. Peach and pear trees bloom. Longer days and milder nights. It's a beautiful spring for Aries, and nothing but blue skies in the future.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21




Venus flits around this spring, causing you to reconsider life. You have difficulty making decisions. You show tremendous doubt in following your intuitions. This shows a light level of intelligence since your instincts are universally horrendous. Follow someone's advice on all matters. It doesn't matter who's giving the advice. They're smarter than you.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21




Mars barrels along, disrupting any sense of normalcy you might have exhibited. You're a loser, and the only way to play your hand is to bet against it. Always. If you could find a bookie that would take a weird bet, bet against yourself at every turn.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22




Normally, when travelling, you need a picture ID, a credit card, some cash and a cellphone. With Venus moving into Pisces, you need a contingent of highly paid mercenaries to surround you. You think life sucks when you're at home? Take a trip and experience nightmarish events that will be newsworthy.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23




Mars shoves its way into Gemini, and you'll feel that power burble through your gut. It's not gas or indigestion or even an ulcer. It's not worms or exotic parasites. You'll experience gastric pains and unseemly body odor and loud, noisy emanations that will render you immobile. Dark rooms or dungeons will lend minimal comfort.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23



Calling what you experience "mood swings" is like calling a cataclysmic family disaster a "bump in the road." They haven't invented a name for the emotional disorder you experience. But you don't swing from high manic states to low dismal depths. You stay low. Way, way low.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23




If there was only one sign, the entire world wishes it were Libra. What a relief it would be for everyone to wake up just one morning and understand the joy and power of being born under the sign of beauty, love and justice. The greatest world leaders—and you can look this up—have been Libras. I'm pretty sure there's something about this in the Bible.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22




Neptune is nuzzling around in Mercury and your perceptions of right/wrong, good/bad, and safe/dangerous are not trustworthy. Decisions regarding business, romance, health and the future will be made in error. When you're forced to make a decision, consult the I Ching or throw a dart or something. You're terrible at making decisions anyway.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



You like travel, excitement and frolicking adventures. Who doesn't? You won't like any of those things after this month. Travel probably will lead to criminal charges. Frolicking leads to a prison sentence. Stay home. Avoid excitement. Stay away from frolicsome fun, whatever that might be.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



Pluto throws its weight around, bumbling through your world like a bully in grade school. Toughen up in all areas of your personality. Don't be such a wuss when people criticize you. People will complain about you behind your back and to your face. Their complaints will be 100 percent justifiable.

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SATURDAY APRIL 6 2-4PM	LITTLE PIRATE'S PARADE	<p>Ahoy little mateys! Dress in your pirate best and join this festive parade! Special appearance by Captain Billy Bowlegs & his Queen along with the William Augustus Bowles Mobile Pirate Museum, a costume contest, crafts, games and more!</p>
SUNDAY APRIL 21 10AM	VISIT THE EASTER BUNNY & BRUNCH	<p>10am: Enjoy a delicious Easter Brunch in the HarborView Room. Brunch Reservations: 850-424-0622</p> <p>2-4pm: Visit the Easter Bunny on the HarborWalk Village main stage</p>
SUNDAY MAY 5 2PM	CINCO DE MAYO PIÑATA PARTY	<p>Join the fiesta! Enjoy an afternoon of family fun featuring the Destin Harbor's largest piñata break, free kids crafts, delicious street tacos and live entertainment!</p>



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